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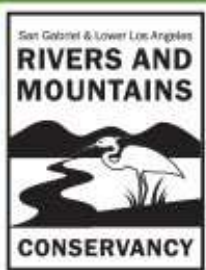
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Proposition 68 Grant Program Guidelines

Public Workshops

November 2018



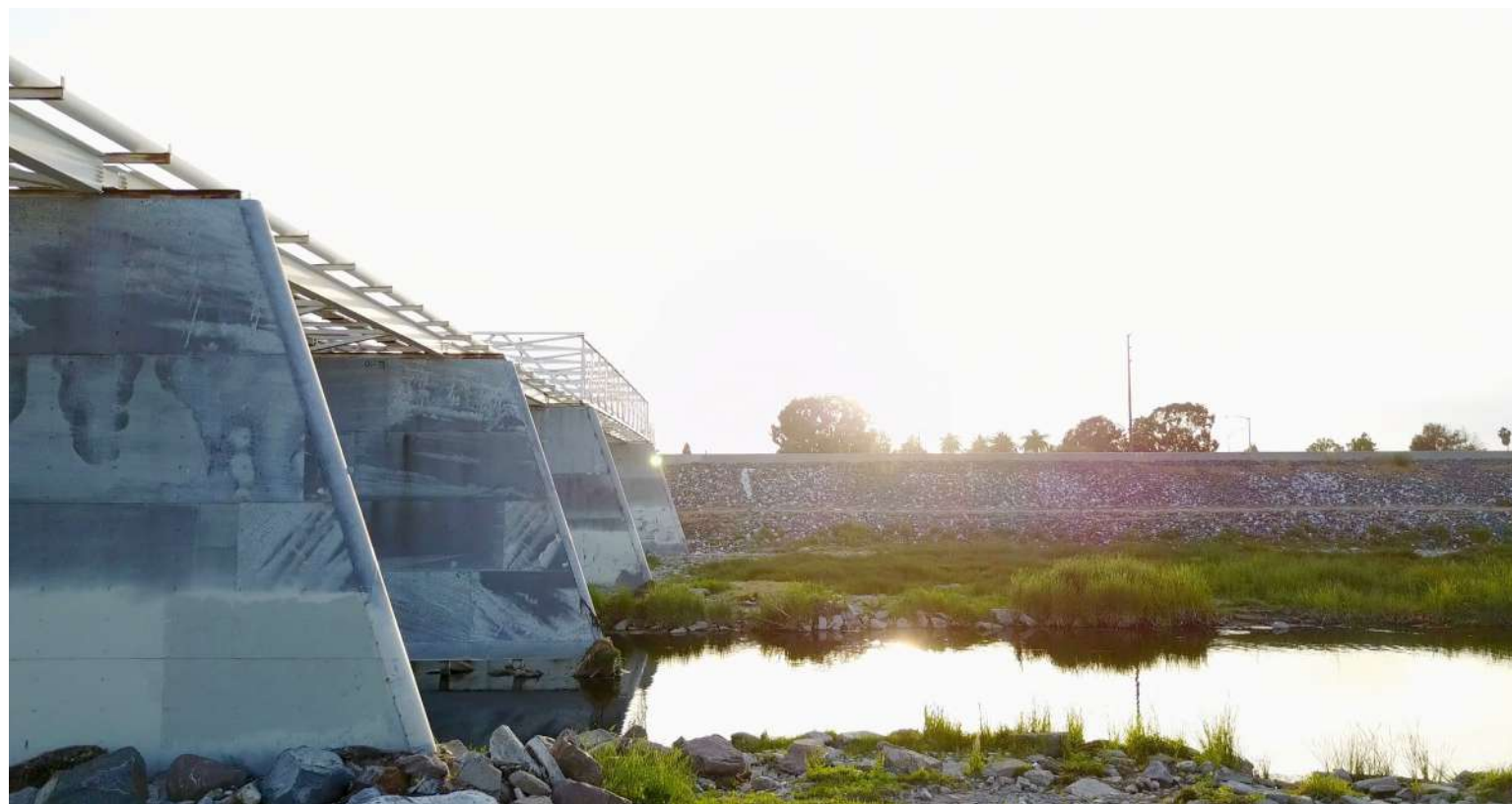


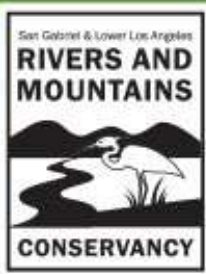
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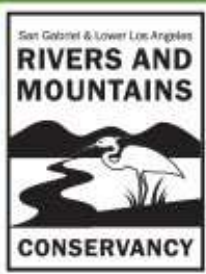


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Our mission is to preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within our jurisdiction





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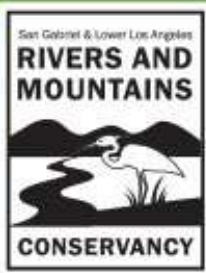


RMC Background:

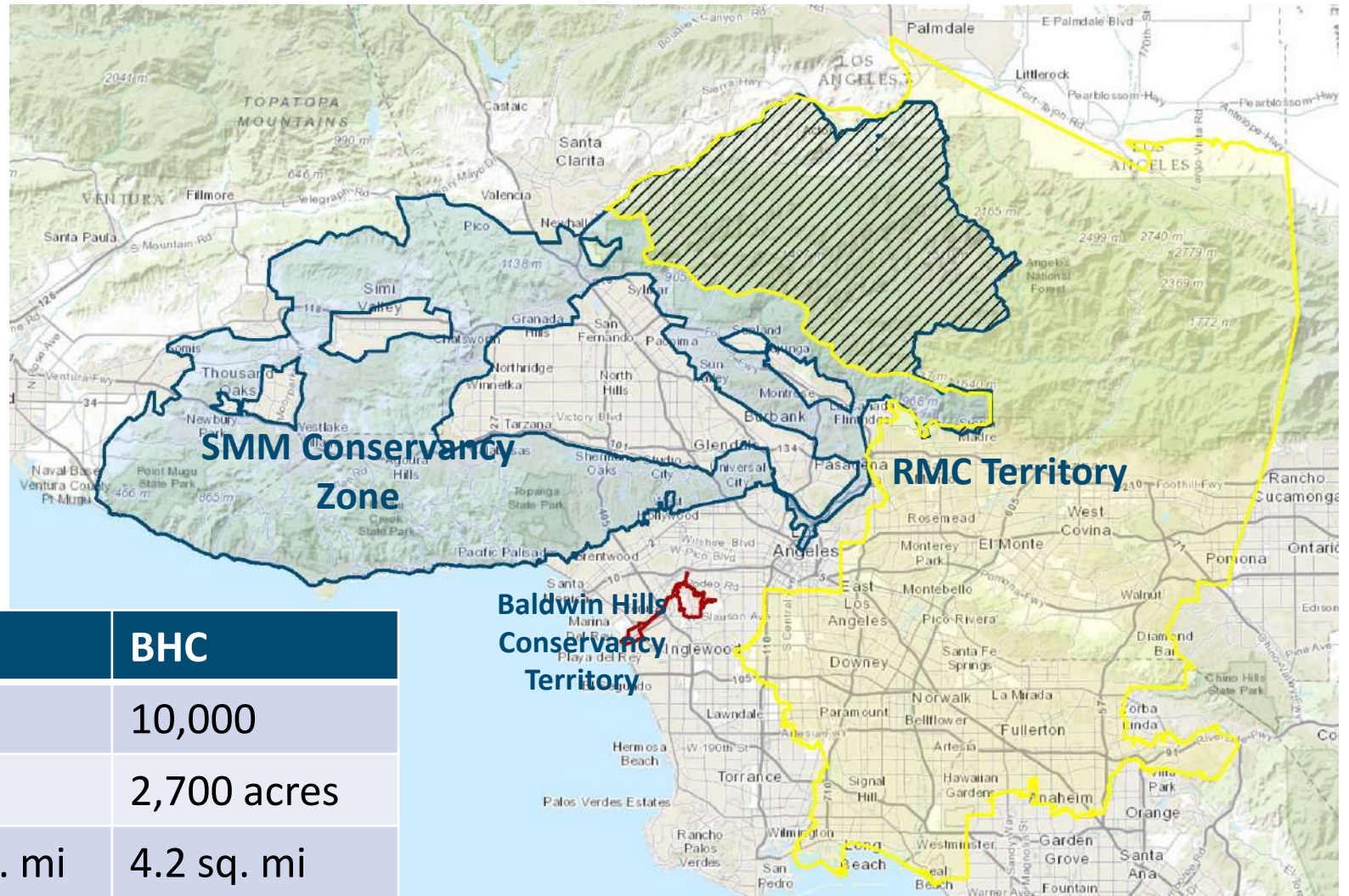
Created in 1999; 1 of 10 State Conservancies

- Catchment area includes 68 cities and portions of Los Angeles and Orange County
- Member of four Joint Powers Authorities
 - Watershed Conservation Authority
 - Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority
 - Azusa-RMC JPA
 - San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority

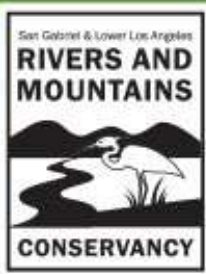




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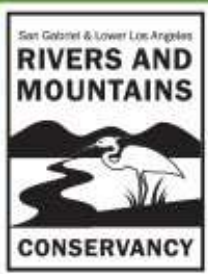
	RMC	SMMC	BHC
Population	4.8 million	639,451	10,000
Acreage	950,000	646,000	2,700 acres
Square Miles	1,480 sq. mi	1,000 sq. mi	4.2 sq. mi



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California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018
(Proposition 68) was approved by the voters on June 5, 2018, which authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to finance a water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.



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Key Messages

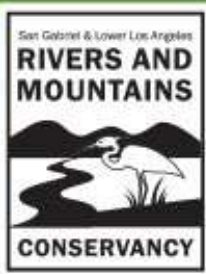
❖ Purposes of Proposition 68:

- 1) Developing urban recreation projects and habitat protection or restoration projects,
- 2) Provide workforce education and training, contractor, and job opportunities for disadvantaged communities,
- 3) Result in public benefit,
- 4) Create new partnerships to expand access to diverse populations.

❖ Prop. 68 funding will be made available over the next 2-4 years.

❖ Prop. 68 grantees must **complete the project within three years** of award.





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ALL GRANTS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

❖ Common Ground, from the Mountains to the Sea

- ❖ Supports the **Watershed and Open Space Plan** vision for the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watersheds, seeks to *restore balance between natural and human systems*. Guiding principals: 1) growing greener (create, expand and improve open space and access to OS), 2) enhancing waters and waterways, and 3) coordinate regional planning efforts.

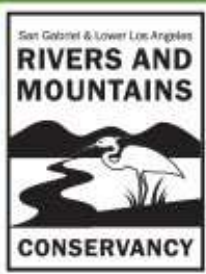
❖ RMC Environmental Justice Policy

- ❖ To ensure that the public, including minority and low-income populations, are informed of opportunities to participate in the development and implementation of all RMC-related programs, policies and activities, and that they are not discriminated against, treated unfairly, or caused to experience disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects from environmental decisions.

❖ RMC Tribal Consultation Policy

- ❖ To ensure Indian tribes and tribal communities are able to provide meaningful input into the development of regulations, rules policies, programs, projects, plans, property decisions, and activities that may affect tribal communities.
- ❖ Supports AB52. Native Americans: CEQA, which requires separate consideration of tribal cultural resources from that of paleontological resources.



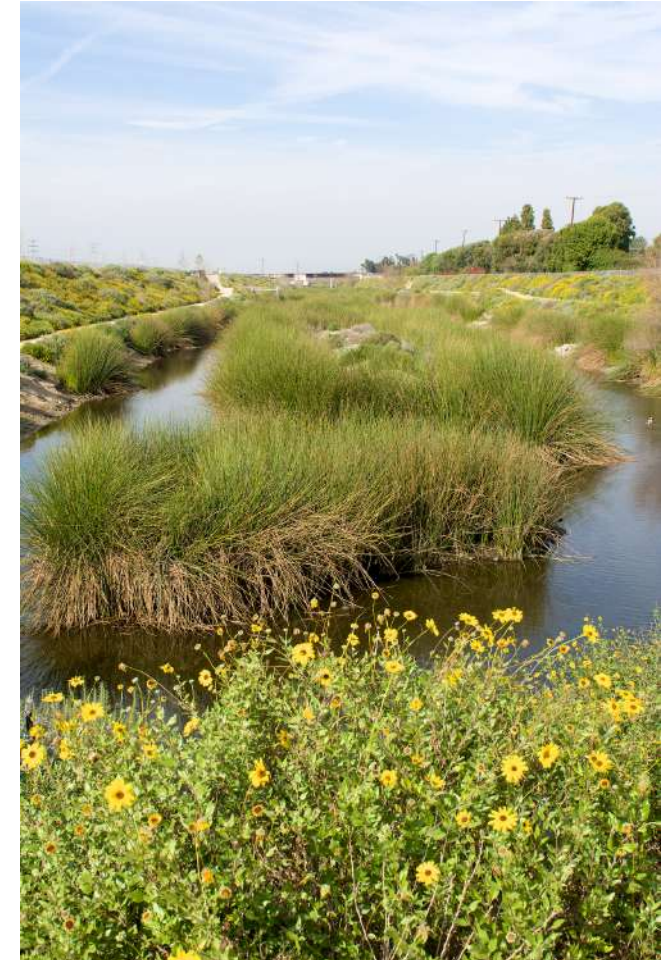


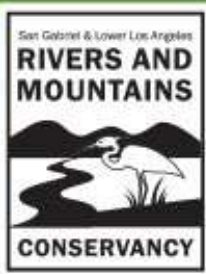
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Eligible Applicants, Section 2.2

- ❖ Cities and Counties
- ❖ Public Agencies
- ❖ Joint Powers Agencies
- ❖ Public Utilities that are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission
- ❖ Federally recognized Indian tribes, state Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List
- ❖ Mutual Water Companies shall have a clear and definite public purpose and shall benefit the customers of a water system and not the investors
- ❖ Nonprofit organizations (existing under Section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code) and whose purposes are consistent the RMC's enabling legislation





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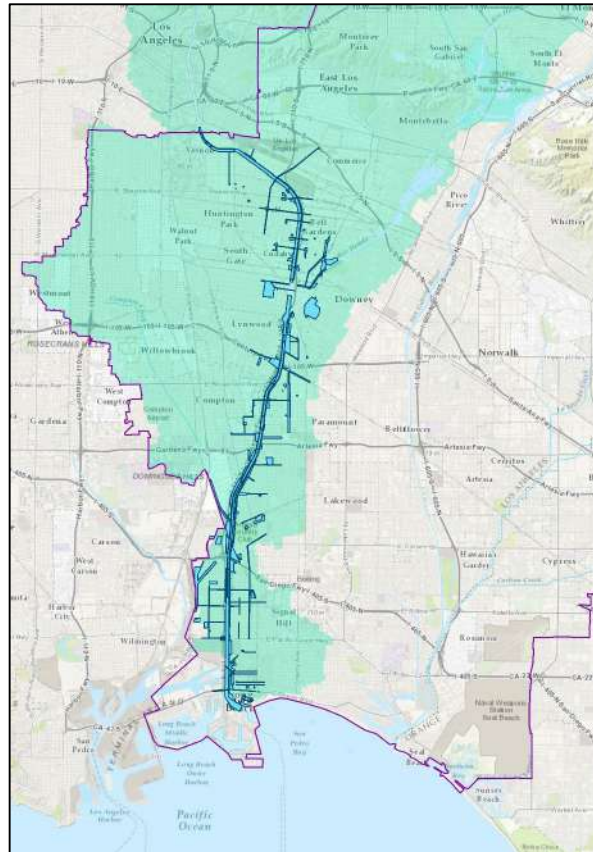


Prop 68 for **Lower Los Angeles River**

- **Funding Allocation: \$37.5 million**

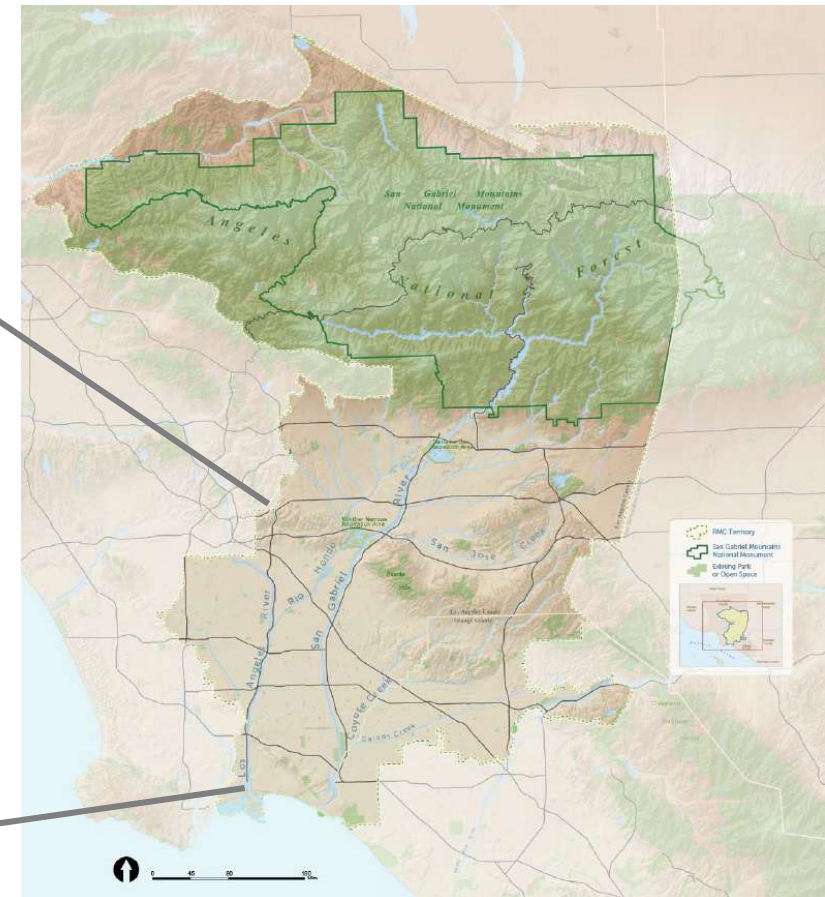
Lower LA River Revitalization Plan

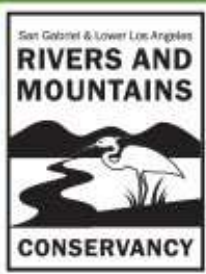
- ❖ 3 signature projects
- ❖ 155 recommended projects
- ❖ 22 Bridge crossings identified for improvement
- ❖ 81 miles of trails and streets identified for improvements



Prop 68 throughout **RMC territory**

- **Funding Allocation: \$30 million**





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Funding Categories



Prop 68 for **Lower Los Angeles River**

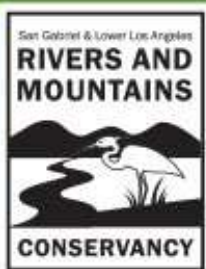
- **Funding Allocation:** \$37.5 million

- At least **20%** of the funds available shall be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities.
- Up to **10%** of the funds available may be allocated for technical assistance to disadvantaged communities.
- Up to **5%** of the funds available pursuant to each chapter of this division shall be allocated for community access projects, including for: transportation, physical activity programming, resource interpretation, multilingual translation, natural science, workforce development and career pathways, education, parks, climate, etc.
- Up to **10%** of the funds available may be allocated to support planning-related applications.

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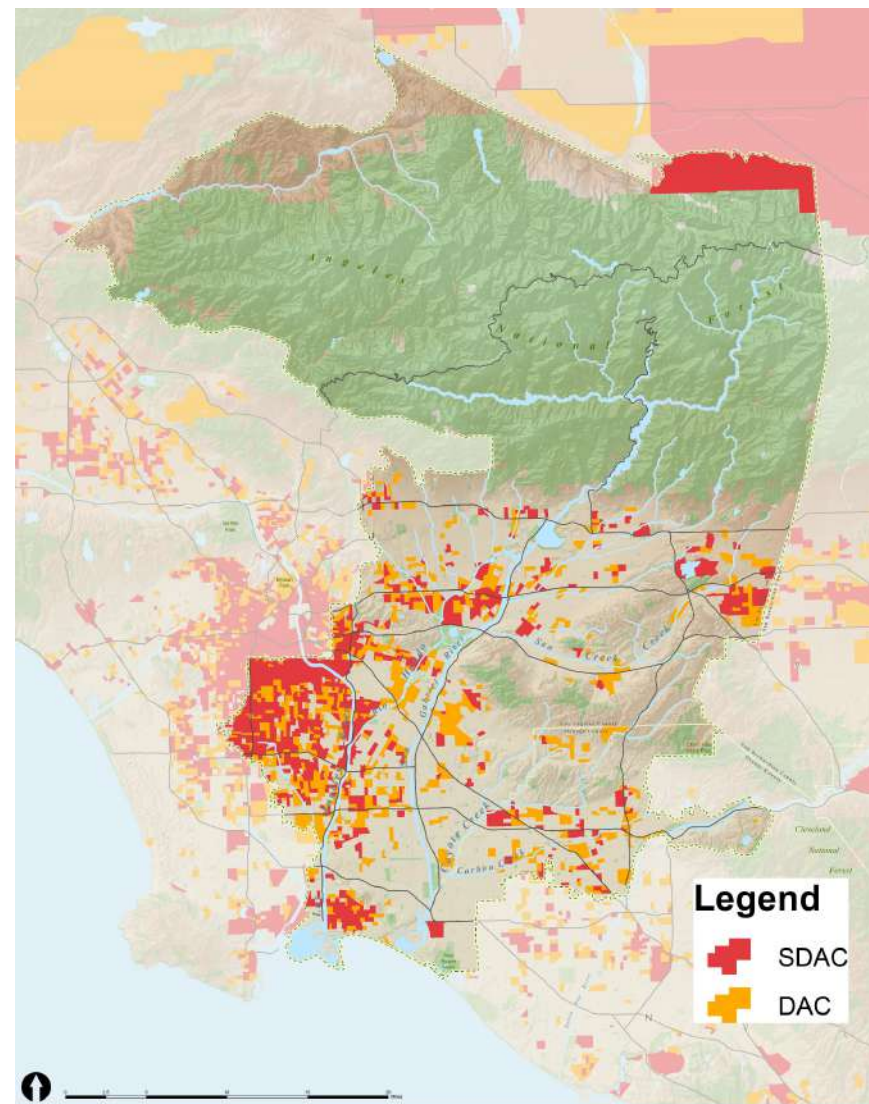


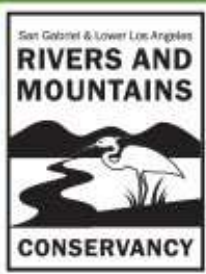
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- **RMC** is truly an urban conservancy covering a Population of 4.8 million residents
- 1.86 million of the region's residents live in **Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)**
- **Disadvantaged community** (DAC) is a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income which (based on ACS 2008-12) is \$51,026.
- **"Severely disadvantaged community" (SDAC)** is a community with a median household income of less than 60 percent of the statewide average, which is \$38,270.

<http://www.parksforcalifornia.org/communities>
<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>





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Program Areas

❖ URBAN LANDS

- ❖ *The primary intent:* to create new accessible urban passive open space and recreational opportunities

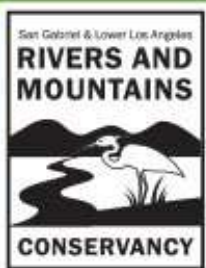
❖ RIVER/TRIBUTARY PARKWAYS

- ❖ *The primary intent:* to provide a revitalized accessible river parkway along the main stems of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and their tributaries, increasing riparian corridors, and provide enhanced recreational opportunities.

❖ MOUNTAINS, HILLS, AND FOOTHILLS

- ❖ *The primary intent:* is watershed, habitat, and wildlife corridor protection, trails and public access as appropriate to the site.





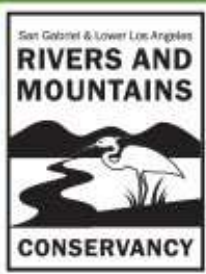
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Project Scoring Criteria

The RMC will seek to prioritize multi-beneficial and multi-jurisdictional ecosystem and watershed protection projects in accordance with statewide priorities. As such, RMC has set the following scoring criteria:

<i>Project Evaluation Criteria</i>		<i>Program Relevance</i>		
		<i>Urban Land</i>	<i>Rivers/ Tributaries</i>	<i>Mountains /Hills</i>
1.	Access Value	10	15	10
2.	Urban Land Value and Environmental Justice	30	24	24
3.	Habitat Value	10	10	16
4.	Matching Funds	11	11	11
5.	Readiness	5	5	5
6.	Stakeholder Participation	14	14	14
7.	Stewardship	6	6	6
8.	Water Resources/Quality	14	15	14
		100	100	100



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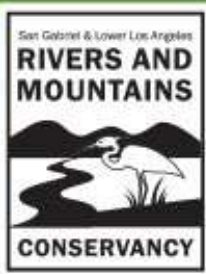
Community Access- PRC 80002(b)

“Community Access” means engagement programs, technical assistance, or facilities that maximize safe and equitable physical admittance, especially for low-income communities, to natural or cultural resources, community education, or recreational amenities.

Up to 5% of funds can be allocated for community access projects that include:

- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Physical Activity & Programming
- ❖ Resource Interpretation
- ❖ Multilingual translation
- ❖ Natural Science
- ❖ Workforce development and career pathways
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Communication related to water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and other outdoor pursuits





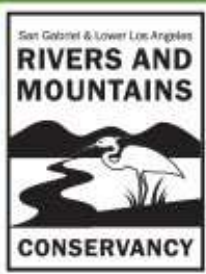
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EXAMPLES

- ❖ **Transportation:** Shuttles or buses that bring individuals to natural areas for recreation
- ❖ **Physical Activity & Programming:** Incorporating these activities into the grant
- ❖ **Resource Interpretation:**
- ❖ **Multilingual translation:** Signage at Parks or project location. Flyers, events, policies, etc.,
- ❖ **Natural Science:**
- ❖ **Workforce development and career pathways-** Partnerships with the CA Conservation Conservation Corps, LACC, LBCC, SGVCC, etc.,
- ❖ **Education**
- ❖ **Communication** related to water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and other outdoor pursuits

Other?



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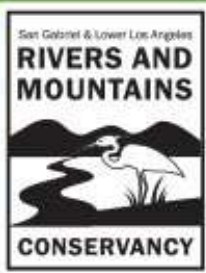
Technical Assistance

Up to **10 percent** of the funds available may be allocated for technical assistance to disadvantaged communities. The agency administering the moneys shall operate a multidisciplinary technical assistance program for disadvantaged communities.

Funds used for providing technical assistance to disadvantaged communities may exceed 10 percent of the funds allocated if the state agency administering the moneys determines that there is a need for the additional funding.

RMC is available to review concept proposals before submission, and can provide resources such as native plant lists and previous applications for reference.





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Technical Assistance

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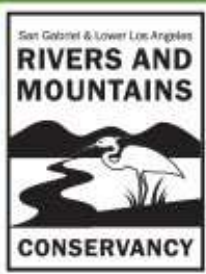
In the past, RMC conducted a city survey to request feedback regarding funding needs and opportunities. Multiple themes emerged:

- ❖ Lack of Staff capacity
- ❖ Readiness concerns: “shovel ready” concept
- ❖ Understanding the funding priorities
- ❖ Planning and design phases

What kind of Technical Assistance would your city, or organization need for this round of Proposition 68?

Discussion





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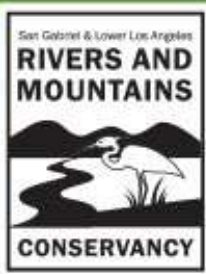
Project Administrative Overview

- ❖ Project should be completed by **June 30, 2022**.
- ❖ Extensions due to circumstances beyond Grantee's control must be requested **60+ days before expiration**.
- ❖ **Quarterly Reports P & Q** must be submitted within 30 days of the preceding quarter (ex. 1st Quarter Report for Jan 1-Mar 31 is due Apr 30).
- ❖ Any **planning and Admin/OH** costs must be clearly indicated on reimbursement (Exhibit J) forms
- ❖ **Exhibit O** should be submitted with Exhibit J to report costs charged to other funding sources (Alternative Funding Sources)
- ❖ **No advance or reimbursement request** will be honored if Reports are not current
- ❖ **Record retention for life of bond (30 years)**



Statewide Bond Oversight Website:

http://resources.ca.gov/bonds_and_grants/statewide_bonds_oversight/



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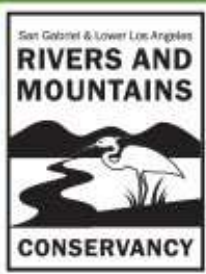
Eligible and Ineligible Costs

Eligible Costs

- Preliminary costs NTE 20% of grant total
- Indirect/OH NTE 10% of grant total
- Wages and benefits (no OH or other admin costs included in hourly reimbursement rate)
- Construction related activities, management, insurance & equipment
- Acquisition Costs
- Education Infrastructure such as signs, interpretive aids, and kiosks
- Restoration/Rehabilitation Costs

Ineligible Costs

- Expenses incurred outside of performance period
- Short Term and Long Term O& M costs
- Computer or other portable, non-fixed equipment/materials
- Active recreation equipment
- Costs exclusively incurred for fulfilling mitigation requirements for this or other projects
- Ceremonies, parties, food/bev, or other publicity expenses (except for required signage explained in Exhibit H)
- Extraordinary & not necessary expenses
- Travel expenses not related to project or atypical and not the least costly method of transport utilized



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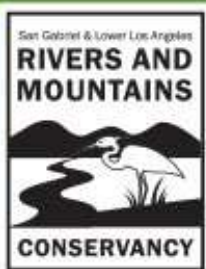


What to Submit

- ❖ **Project Description**
- ❖ **Tasklist & Timeline**
- ❖ **Budget**
- ❖ **Resolution**
- ❖ **Environmental Compliance: CEQA/NEPA**
- ❖ **Parcel Map**
- ❖ **Permits, Easements or Certifications**
- ❖ **Operation & Maintenance**
- ❖ **Agreements-Proof of Ownership**
- ❖ **Non-Profits- Proof of eligible status**
- ❖ **Photos & Location Maps**
- ❖ **Letters of Support- 3 or more**

- ❖ One original and three (3) copies of the required material. Also provide an electronic format (i.e. thumb drive)





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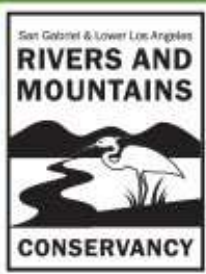


Timeline



- **Draft Grant Guidelines Released:** Posted October 12, 2018
- **30-day Comment Period:** October 20 - November 20, 2018
- **Draft Grant Guideline Meetings (4):** November 13-20, 2018
 - Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 9:30am-11:30am, Fullerton Community Center
 - Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 3:30pm-5:30pm, San Dimas City Hall
 - Thursday, November 15, 2018, 5:30pm-7:30pm, South Gate Park Auditorium
 - Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 9:30am-11:30am, SCV Water, Newhall Division
- **Anticipated Call-for-Projects:** February 2019
- **Award Funding:** Anticipating starting May 2019

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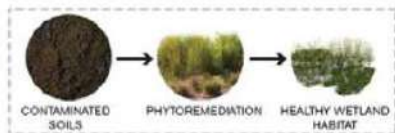


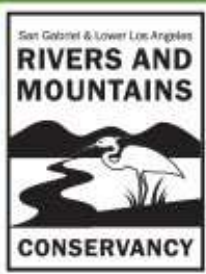
Example Project

Magic Johnson Stormwater Management Project

Department of Parks and Recreation (County DPR) received \$3,000,000 (Prop 1) for the MJ Stormwater Project to support the water infrastructure improvements and construction near Earvin “Magic” Johnson Recreation Area’s (EMJ) South Lake, a component of the park’s larger \$50-million, multi-phase Master Plan (EMJ Master Plan) project.

The MJ Stormwater project will include the creation of a biofiltration garden that integrates native riparian vegetation to imitate a natural wetland filtration process, allowing for filtration of dirty runoff water and greywater to be cleaned and stored in the South Lake.





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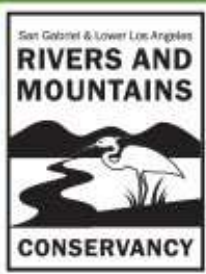


Example Project

WRD Recycle Water Campus Project – SGR Parkway

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) received \$1,000,000 (Prop 1) for the Water Recycle Campus' parkway, part of the larger \$110 Million Water Recycling Project campus, for low-impact development stormwater features, such as swales, landscaping, and permeable pavements and walkways. This project will create butterfly habitat and 3.5 acres of park-like open space with public access to the San Gabriel River. The project incorporates interpretive and educational elements.





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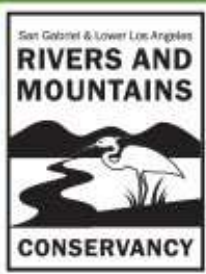
Example Project



Anaheim Coves/Burris Pit Park Development

Public access improvement along the Santa Ana River via a new trail system. \$3.4 million in RMC funds included 2 observation decks, 2.6 mile ADA accessible trail loop, interpretive panels, trail signage, staging area with restroom, drinking fountains, parking, safety fencing, trash receptacles and benches.





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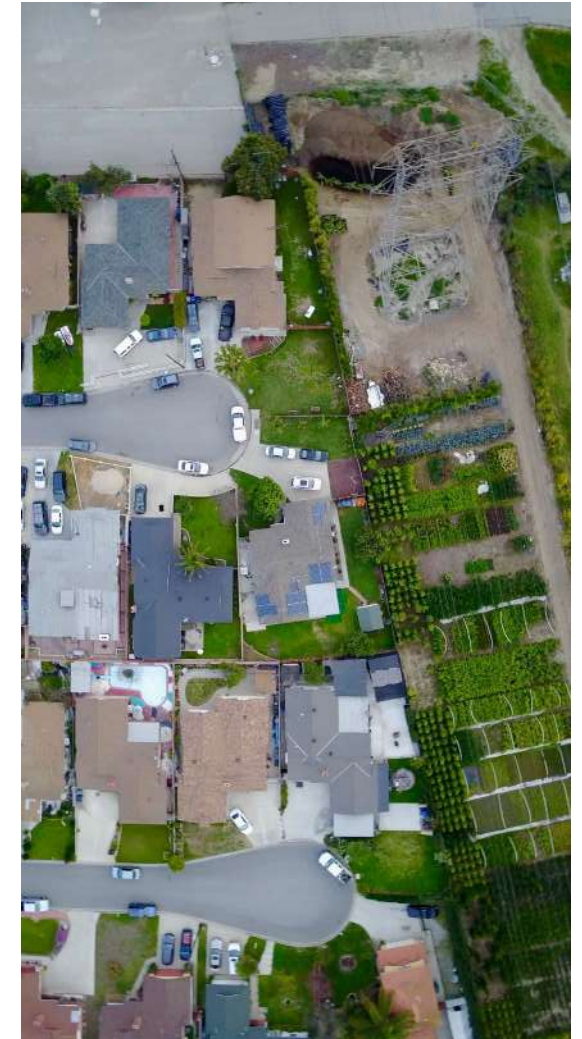


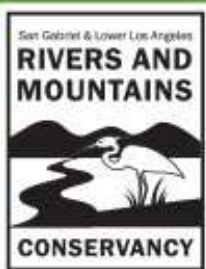
Other Activities and Opportunities

- ❖ LA River Summit – Spring 2019
- ❖ LA River Ranger Program Study – Through Summer 2019

Other State Grant Programs:

- ❖ California State Parks (Prop 68)
 - ❖ \$254.9M in Statewide Parks Grants
- ❖ California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Prop 1 and 68)
 - ❖ \$25M – Restore rivers and streams in support of fisheries and wildlife and restoration and protection of upper watershed forests and meadow systems that are important for fish and wildlife resources.
 - ❖ \$30M– for restoration of Southern California Steelhead habitat.
 - ❖ \$30M– to improve conditions for fish and wildlife in streams, rivers, wildlife refuges, wetland habitat areas, and estuaries.
- ❖ Los Angeles Region IRWMP (Prop 1) through DWR
 - ❖ \$72M
- ❖ California Natural Resource Agency (Prop 68)
 - ❖ \$7M River Parkways Grant Program
- ❖ CalFire
 - ❖ \$3M Forest Health Grants





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Submit comments to RMC:

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